



Lake of Bays Township Public Library Board

Connecting community and sparking ideas, lifelong learning and empowerment for all.

Minutes

Tuesday June 17, 2025

Present: Jennifer Pearson, Cathy Vancleave, Cathy Fairbairn, Rod McLean, Pamela Calverley, Edith Warr, Councillor George Anderson, Janet Leader, Lori Riznek

Present via zoom: John Nemeth and Krista Wunsch

Guests: Mayor Terry Glover, Councillor George Anderson, Scott McKinnon, Rob Simpson and Elder Christopher Stock

CALL TO ORDER: 6:32 pm **CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATION:** None

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Motion to approve Rod McLean seconded by Edith Warr, Carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

Indigenous Working Group

- Exploring the incorporation of First Nations heritage into Dwight expansion.
- Group members: Elder Christopher Stock (member of Wahta Mohawk Territory) – educator for 30 years, Rob Simpson – creativity (photographer and naturalist), George Anderson (councillor) and Mayor Terry Glover, Scott McKinnon (Parks and Facilities Superintendent) and Cathy Fairbairn.
- Chris opened with a blessing and thanksgiving in Mohawk language over our meeting.
- Each board member shared their experiences and learnings to date.
- Ideas so far: cultural hub, create a narrative, thousands of years of history in our community, library is a place to gain knowledge, incorporate nature and the outdoors (water, trees, rocks, art), teachings and programming, proximity of Dwight to Algonquin Park, incorporate stories (past, present and future), safe space, public accessibility, relationship with Oxtongue River, sense of peace, visual technology, ignite curiosity and imagination, etc.

- Reconciliation isn't a destination...it's a journey to healing.
- Downey/Wenjack fund: reputable organization, good starting point, concentrates on residential schools, provides programming and support, etc.
- The Board was asked to take away the information and think about the potential to incorporate into the LOB libraries. An in-person meeting will be planned for 2 weeks (beginning of July) for further information sharing and discussion.

PREVIOUS BUSINESS UPDATES:

Dwight Market and Baysville Walkabout

- No training required but talking points will be provided.
- Additional shifts may need to be picked up since Janet Leader has resigned from the board.

Procurement Policy OP-19

- The policy update was passed by majority via email voting.

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- Agenda items will move to next meeting in August.

Moved to adjournment at 9:38 pm by Rod McLean.

Adjournment Next Meeting: August 19, 2025 in Dwight.